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RSPCA wants pit bull bans  
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THE RSPCA today called on the State Government to outlaw the breeding of American **pit bull** terriers and have the breed declared a dangerous species.

Chief Executive officer **Charles Wright** said the State Government needed to act before another person was killed in a dog attack.

Mandatory desexing, tighter fencing standards and photo identification for owners should be among the immediate measures introduced, Mr **Wright** said.

The call for tighter laws comes after a string of dog attacks in Sydney last week, including one incident where three people were bitten.

Two woman - in Queensland and Western Australia - have died recently in dog attacks.

Mr **Wright** said that while the RSPCA did not want all American **pit bulls** put down, the breeding of the animals should be banned.

"We need to act before someone else is killed," Mr **Wright** said.

"Ideally we want to phase out the breed completely - there is no reason why people need to have them as pets.

"They're **bred** to kill and **maim** - no other dog is like them.

"They see children as another small animal.

"The new laws should include compulsory desexing, stringent fencing standards, and special dog licences/photo registrations for owners of American **pit bulls**."

Mr **Wright** said that the society did not want existing dogs put down.

"Our aim is to restrict and control the breed." Local Government Minister Ernie Page said today an urgent review of dog laws was being conducted and its results were due later this week.

The State Government was unable, under the Dog Act, to take action against a specific breed of dog, he said.

Changes to laws could not be made before Parliament resumed in April.

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